

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. South Vietnam

a. US and Australian advisers have persuaded most of the Rhade strike force elements to return to their bases, but the tribesmen could still cause trouble.

b. At one base, ten US military personnel are being held as hostages, but are not believed in any danger.

c. Khanh told Ambassador Taylor yesterday that he suspected some US Special Forces personnel had encouraged the Rhade plot or, at least, withheld foreknowledge of it from the government. He agreed to keep his suspicions to himself pending receipt of more facts.

d. Students in the capital of Binh Dinh Province carried out noisy demonstrations over the weekend, presenting the government with the familiar demands that alleged Diem remnants be thrown out of office. As is becoming usual in these cases, local authorities stood aside and gave the demonstrators their head.

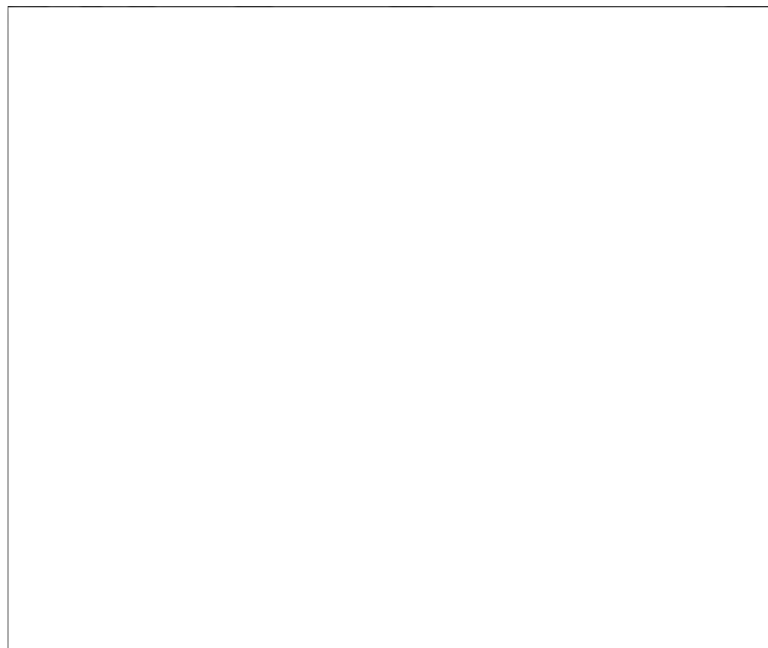
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e. The labor walkout which began yesterday has been called off, with the labor leadership crowing that the government was forced to give in.

f. Viet Cong incidents over the past several days have been at near record levels.

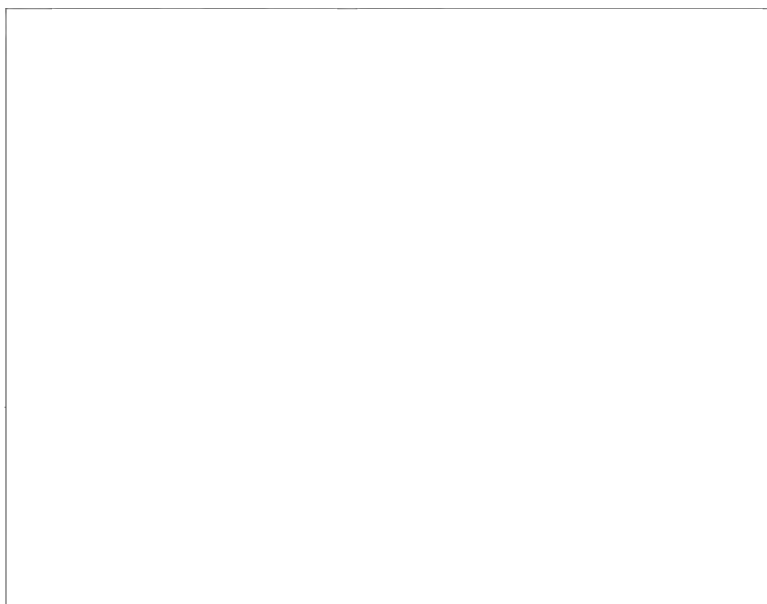
g. Much of this has been terrorism and harassment in rural areas, but several small-scale attacks produced relatively heavy government losses.

2. Indonesia-
Malaysia



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3. Congo

a. The OAU's committee on the Congo was not satisfied with Tshombé's performance at the Nairobi meeting.

b. They feel he should have agreed to talk with Congolese rebel leaders during the meeting. Tshombé left abruptly to go to Elisabethville yesterday.

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c. Christophe Gbenye, "President" of the "Congolese People's Republic" is now expected to arrive in Nairobi soon. Ambassador Attwood believes the stage is set for him to appear as a "true" nationalist devoted to ousting the foreigners.

d. Attwood reports that the US is sharing the blame for Tshombé's behavior. The Africans feel US support, the use of US aircraft in the fighting, encourages Tshombé to resist compromise with the rebels.

e. The OAU's secretary general told Attwood yesterday that the private, unanimous opinion of the special committee was that the US planes must be removed, since this was a precondition to rebel acceptance of a ceasefire.

NOTES

- A. North Vietnam There has been no significant change in the Communist military posture. [redacted] 50X1
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- B. North Vietnam - South Vietnam Peiping radio has broadcast a claim by the North Vietnamese that they are holding a [redacted] pilot allegedly shot down while flying a Laotian T-28 over their territory. [redacted] 50X1 50X1
[redacted] comments that the T-28 lost on 18 August could have wandered across the border. However, the pilot may have been captured by the Communists after crashing in Laos and is now good propaganda fodder for Hanoi.
- C. Laos [redacted] the three princes argued [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] then broke up over Souvanna's 50X1
preconditions. They have decided to have their 50X1
deputies continue the talks in Paris. [redacted] 50X1
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- D. Bolivia The situation remains quiet, but the state of siege declared on Sunday continues. There is still no evidence of a genuine plot sufficient to justify the government's stringent action. Our embassy speculates that Paz is taking no chances on an incident during De Gaulle's visit.

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- E. United Nations The UN working group charged with working out a compromise on the USSR's refusal to pay its UN arrears has bogged down. The members are clearly reluctant to offend the USSR, and India and the UAR want to let the matter revert to the General Assembly. The Indians believe nothing can be done until after the US elections.
- F. West Germany Bonn is considering whether to ask for an amendment to the Western European Union treaty to allow German development and production of missile components. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] The treaty has already been changed so that West Germany can make antitank missiles and larger destroyers.
- G. Zanzibar A showdown between Karume and radicals on his revolutionary council could be shaping up in the wake of the killing of four members of an Asian Moslem sect by one of the council. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The radicals have already arrested other sect members on charges of plotting to overthrow the Zanzibar government.
- H. Western Europe No decision on credits to the Soviet bloc was taken during the EEC Council of Ministers' meeting last week. Belgium and the Netherlands are apparently looking for a way to break the five-year limit and the West Germans say they are under pressure from industry to do so. The French, who may extend ten-year terms during commercial negotiations with the USSR next month, apparently sought to keep a free hand.

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